

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1888.

Berkeley School.

A meeting of the citizens living in the vicinity of the Berkeley school house is talked of to consider the advisability of providing additional school accommodations. For some time the residents of Watessing have wanted a school nearer the center of their neighborhood. The Berkeley school house has been thought too far away, overcrowded, and its provision for the comfort of the children not equal to that enjoyed in the newer buildings. It is well for the whole district to carefully look into the merits of this question once.

The Berkeley school-house and the Brookside as well, were built sometime in the sixties after the general plan. They were divided into two rooms, each to accommodate two classes. Since that time two rooms have been added to the Berkeley school giving four class-rooms with provision for 160 scholars. The building is now in good order, being as well heated, furnished and ventilated as in its present shape is possible. It is of course inferior in these respects to the newer buildings, the Center Primary and the Grammar school-houses.

To make it equal to these structures will require its entire rebuilding. The people of Watessing are understood to desire either an additional school-house near the depot or that the Berkeley school-house be torn down and removed to that place. Is this necessary, desirable or wise?

A few facts bearing on this subject will be given. As to the growth of Berkeley school, the annual school reports for the years ending 1885, 1886 and 1887 show the number of scholars in attendance as follows:

1st Class	2d Class	3d Class	4th Class	Total
1885	27	30	34	91
1886	25	33	35	93
1887	24	30	31	85

The school is no larger to-day than three years ago. As to the distance children are required to go to the school, it is no greater than children go who attend the Center Primary school. They come from Canal street on the north, Glen Ridge on the west, and Montgomery on the east.

The classes are no larger than in the Center Primary. In 1887 the size of the classes compared as follows:

1st Class	2d Class	3d Class	4th Class	5th Class
C. P.	29	39	31	35
B.	29	46	31	38

The average of classes at the Center Primary is thus seen to be 32, Berkeley 31.

At the Center school house there is abundance of room for additional scholars. Only five out of the eight rooms are now in use. If Berkeley school-house is overcrowded it is easy to enlarge the Center district, making the Berkeley at the same time somewhat smaller and relieving any overcrowding that may exist there.

The debt of the district now is \$10,300, which is being paid at the rate of \$2,000 per year. If this be not interrupted, in a little over three years the district will be relieved of its debt and a large expenditure for interest be saved. The cost of the schools last year was about \$17,000. Every new school-house will increase that cost.

While small schools in the outlying districts are convenient they are not popular with parents, teachers, or trustees. They are expensive to maintain, and apt to be inferior in discipline and instruction. Trustees and voters alike will do well to make haste slowly in this matter.

The New Church at Glen Ridge.

The formal organization and recognition of Bloomfield's new Congregational Church at Glen Ridge took place last Sunday afternoon at the society's temporary place of worship in the Glen Ridge depot. Invitations to meet in council had been sent to most of the Protestant churches of the vicinity, and in response thereto the following were present from Bloomfield. Rev. H. W. Ballantine and Mr. H. H. Bidolph, representing the First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Geo. A. Paull and Mr. H. B. Sheldon, Westminster Church; Rev. J. A. Monroe and Mr. Edward Wilde, Park M. E. Church; Rev. Drs. Knox and Coe; Rev. Dr. A. H. Bradford of Montclair; Rev. Mr. Pullan of East Orange; Rev. Mr. Green of Orange; Rev. Dr. J. O. Murray of Princeton College; Rev. Dr. Rankin of Orange Valley.

The council was called to order by Rev. Dr. Bradford, the longest settled pastor of the council, who was made permanent moderator. Rev. Mr. Pullan was elected clerk to the council, and after prayer by Rev. Dr. Coe, the moderator called for a statement from some representative of the proposed church, and the proceedings taken to that end. The statement was made in a very appropriate speech by Arthur J. Lockwood, who then read the statement of doctrine and rules of the church and society, proposed for adoption. After hearing these documents read the council retired to the club-house across the street to consider the matter in private session.

Upon the return of the council the moderator announced that they had unanimously determined to organize and recognize the proposed church. Those desiring to unite by letter, thirty six in

number, and those uniting on confession of faith, seven in number, were then admitted to the church, which was declared to have been duly organized by the moderator. After its organization the church proceeded to the election of deacons, electing Ira Campbell to serve one year, it being his request that his term be no longer, and Arthur J. Lockwood and Marcus G. Belloni to serve two years. An address of welcome from the church at large was then made by Rev. Dr. Bradford, and an address of welcome from the churches of Bloomfield was made by Rev. Mr. Ballantine. An address to the new church was made by Rev. Dr. Bradford. After the addresses there was celebration of the communion service, and the congregation was dismissed.

Baking Powders.

THE LATEST OFFICIAL TESTS AS TO THEIR RELATIVE PURITY.

The recent official tests in the States of various articles of food have attracted much attention from the public and caused a wide discussion in the newspapers. The frauds in the manufacture of baking powders, and the determined efforts to force various brands of alum powders upon the market, have caused the authorities of several of the States to look particularly after this class of goods. The Ohio State Food Commission has examined thirty different brands, and of these found twenty made from alum. Such a large number was not suspected, nor was it supposed that some of the cream of tartar and phosphate powders, whose manufacturers are representing them to the public as pure and wholesome, had become so deteriorated as they were found to be from the use of impure ingredients in their composition. As many of these adulterated brands are sold in the Dominion, the report possesses a local interest.

The Ohio Commission made tests for strength and purity, and declared that baking powder the best—as it was of course the purest—being of effective strength, contained residuum in smallest quantities. In the baking powders named the following percentages of residuum or inert matter were found:

NAME.	PERCENT OF RESIDUUM, ETC.
Royal (Cream of Tartar Powder),	7.25
Cleveland's,	9.8
Zapp's Crystal (alum),	1.9
Stirling,	2.3
Dr. Price's,	12.06
Jersey (alum),	16.05
Forest City (alum),	24.14
Silver Star (alum),	31.88
Dr. Land's,	32.32
Hersford's (Phosphate),	36.49
Kenton (alum),	38.17

The nature of the residuum being directly upon the question of health. That in Royal is declared to be perfectly harmless. In the case of the alum powders it is considered harmful, yet the amount found in three of the cream of tartar powders—Cleveland's, Dr. Price's and Stirling—averaged more than that in the Crystal, alum powder.

Orange Boys Protest.

The providing for the vacating of the Morris Canal, which lately became a law, will seriously affect some industries now existing in Bloomfield, and other places along the artificial stream. There are several large mills and coal yards, and the Montclair gas works bordering on the canal, which will be crippled if not closed entirely by the effects of the law.

It is not thought that the Lehigh Company will close the canal this year, as the usual repairs have been made to the aqueduct, locks etc., and may possibly be used as a channel for commerce this summer. Then again, our juvenile population are antagonistic to closing this body of water. They want to know where they can bathe when the hot summer comes, become almost unbearable? The canal has long been used for bathing. Even in the early days of the Revolution the troops that were encamped at Camp Frelinghuysen, at Newark, took great delight and pleasure in taking an early morning bath in the inviting stream. There are many pleasant associations connected with the canal.—Orange Evening Mail.

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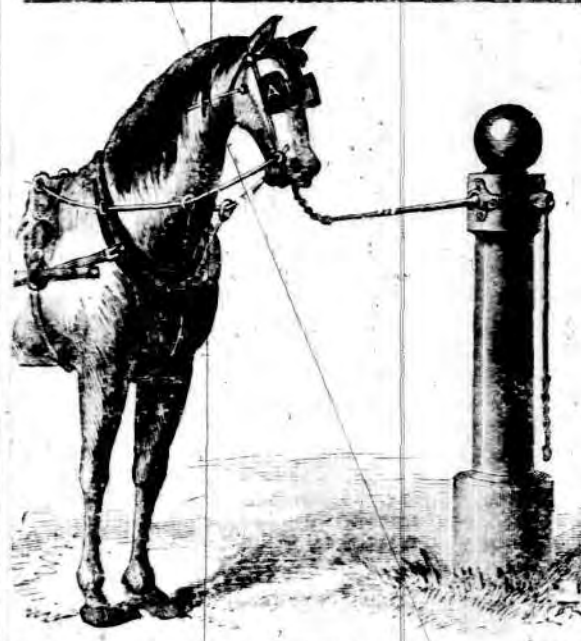
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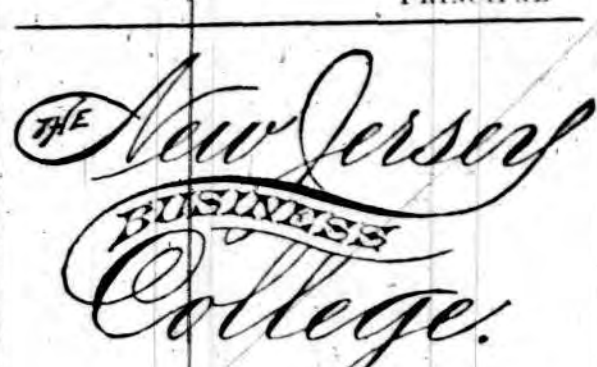
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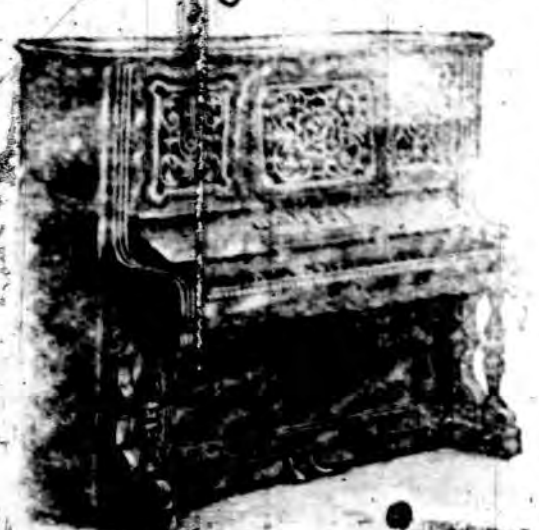
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